

Red China Sentences N.Y.

'Spy' to Life

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Don Dixon of INS, 2 Other U.S. Captives Released

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HONG KONG, Sept. 12 (INS).—

Red China announced Sunday night that Hugh Francis Redmond, "of New York, U. S. A." has been sen-

tenced in Shanghai to life imprisonment as a spy.

(Redmond, 34, is a former GI, who distinguished himself in the European theatre. His parents live at 8 Floral Lane, Yonkers.)

The Communist news agency broadcast listed five other men and two women, all with Chinese names, as sentenced at the same time for "spying for the United States."

THE AGENCY SAID two were sentenced to death, and the six others given prison sentences ranging from seven years to life.

The agency accused Redmond of having carried on espionage activities under cover of employment with the "Henningsen Produce Co.," which it described as an American firm.

The agency charged Redmond was dispatched to China in August, 1946, and directed espionage teams, "collected Chinese state secrets" and "illegally stored arms" in Mukden, Peking and Shanghai.

The agency said after the Communists seized power in 1949, "Redmond was ordered to remain in Shanghai and maintain contact with a U. S. intelligence organization in Hong Kong."

IT SAID REDMOND was convicted of "aggression against the People's Republic of China and undermining the people's democratic rule of China."

Redmond Won High Honors in War II

Hugh Redmond, young New Yorker sentenced to life by the Chinese Reds as a U. S. spy, is a former Yonkers and Manhattan College athlete who was highly gant in World War II and had been in the import-export business in China since 1947.

HIS MOTHER, Mrs. Ruth Redmond, of 8 Floral Lane, Yonkers, broke down and sobbed bitterly on receiving the news of his sentencing from THE MIRROR Sunday.

His father, Hugh, Sr., 71, has been suffering a heart condition since the son was first imprisoned by the Reds on April 26, 1951, Mrs. Redmond said, and the two of them have been praying for three years that somehow their son, now 34, would be returned to them.

Mrs. Redmond denied her boy was a spy, or connected in any way with the U. S. government.

AFTER NEARLY two years of hospitalization, recovering from war wounds, Hugh went to China and entered business, she said, later becoming representative for a California ice cream company, in addition to his import-export business.

The last word the mother received directly from her son, she said, was in 1950, when he wrote that the Reds had taken over the town where he was, and he intended to try for a visa and return home. He never made it, however.

He jumped into Normandy with the paratroopers on D-Day, Mrs. Redmond recalled, and among his many heroic exploits was a parachute drop to help bolster beleaguered U. S. troops in the Battle of the Bulge.

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